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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Tim M. Catherman
Director of Administrative Services

DATE: June 17, 2008

SUBJECT: Increasing Costs to Provide Services

With the increase in fuel costs, other costs are beginning to be affected. If you have specific examples or newspaper articles demonstrating the impact of the cost like the one below, please share them with us.

Thank you,

[Fuel costs affecting non profit agency](#)

WSLS.com - Roanoke

By Rosa Duarte: The New River Valley Agency on Aging is a nonprofit governmental agency that provides 12 services, all to seniors who stay at home. ...



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors and Legal Assistance Point Persons
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Janet James, Esq., State Legal Services Director

DATE: June 17, 2008

SUBJECT: "Millions Have Yet to File for Economic Stimulus Payments"
Deadline to File – 10/15/2008

The National Senior Citizens Law Center reports that large numbers of eligible seniors who do not normally file a tax return have thus far failed to file for this year's special economic stimulus payments of \$300 for an individual and \$600 for a married couple. The deadline for filing is October 15, 2008.

There are several reasons why people may not have filed. Some may erroneously think they are not eligible. Yet all that is required is \$3000 in gross income for 2007. This means that someone would qualify even if their only income is a \$250 monthly Social Security benefit.

Still others may fear a negative impact on their SSI, Medicaid, Veterans or Food Stamp benefits. Yet these payments do not count as income for any of these programs and an individual has at least two months to spend the stimulus payment before it can be counted as a resource.

(National Senior Citizens Law Center Washington Weekly Newsletter, Volume XXXIV, Issue 21-22, May 30, 2008).

For a additional information visit:

<http://www.cbpp.org/stimuluspayment2008/outreach.htm>

For a color poster visit:

<http://www.cbpp.org/stimuluspayment2008/docs/copy-english-color.pdf>

Languages available include English, Spanish, Chinese, Italian, Vietnamese, Russian, Korean and Tagalog.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Ellen M. Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: June 17, 2008

SUBJECT: Caregiving

Diabetes Research

Two non-profit organizations, The Hormone Foundation and the National Alliance for Caregivers, are partnering on a project to learn how to better assist family and friends who care for loved ones with diabetes. Participants in the study will be paid \$100 for their involvement: - a telephone conference call that will last about 75-90 minutes. For further information about this study, contact: caregiver@endo-society.org or call 1-800-HORMONE or write to, The Hormone Foundation, 8401 Connecticut Avenue Suite 900, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Dementia Care Guide for Direct Care Workers

The Michigan Dementia Coalition has released a new "Every Day Language" edition of *Knowledge and Skills Needed for Dementia Care: A Guide for Direct Care Workers*. It identifies the knowledge and skills direct care workers need when working with dementia patients in particular, and it includes an appendix with notes for trainers and supervisors of direct care workers. The guide describes seven competency areas, including knowledge of dementia disorders, person-centered care, interacting with families, and direct care workers' self-care. For more information, visit: <http://www.dementiacoalition.org/pdfs/DemCompGuideEverydayLang.pdf>.

International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease July 26-31

The 11th International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease will be held July 26-31, 2008 in Chicago, IL. Hosted by the Alzheimer's Association, the Conference will feature a variety of speakers, continuing education opportunities and exhibits focused on dementia research. For more information, visit: <http://www.alz.org/icad/>

Federal Legislation

On June 5, 2008, the Senate passed the **FY09 Budget Conference Agreement** and the House is expected to do the same. The compromised budget agreement is expected to include **at least \$26 million** for **Lifespan Respite**. The Appropriations Committee will make a final decision before the bill goes to the floor.

S. 2921, Caring for Wounded Warriors Act of 2008, has been introduced in the Senate. The bill will provide for pilot programs to train and certify family caregivers as personal care attendants for veterans and members of the Armed Forces with traumatic brain injury. The legislation allows compensation for a family caregiver who receives certification as a personal care attendant for care provided to a veteran or Armed Forces member.

The Caregivers Marketplace

The Caregivers Marketplace is the nation's first free program specifically designed to offer cash back on products not typically covered by insurance or Medicare. Products eligible for cash back include nutrition, digestive health, incontinence, bathing and skin care, and aids for daily living. They do not sell products.

Contact: www.caregiversmarketplace.com



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Bill Peterson

DATE: June 17, 2008

SUBJECT: **Four Workshops on Aging Topics**

The workshops listed below are a continuing education activity presented by the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work, through support from the Virginia Center on Aging, for social workers and other professionals who work with the geriatric population in Virginia. Join VCU for one or more of the following workshops.

Date and Time:

July 11 and July 18, 2008 in Richmond
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 3 p.m. both days

Simultaneously Videoconferenced to Sites in Chantilly (NoVA), Suffolk, Salem, and Bristol.

Workshop Topics:

A Lifespan Look at Developmental Gerontology: Looking for the Yellow Flags
Dr. Ayn Welleford, Chair of the VCU Department of Gerontology

Difficult Choices: Common Ethical Issues in Caregiving with Older Adults
Dr. Andrew Heck, Psychology Director, Piedmont Geriatric Hospital

Pharmacology and Aging Persons

Dr. Janice Berry-Edwards, Asst. Professor, VCU School of Social Work

Dr. Patricia W. Slattum, Assoc. Professor/Geriatric Specialist & Vice-Chair for Graduate Studies, VCU Department of Pharmacy

Caregiving: Issues and Interventions to Reduce Stress and improve Well-being

Dr. Marcia Harrigan, Sr. Assoc. Dean/Assoc. Professor, VCU School of Social Work

Dr. Beverly Koerin, Assoc. Professor Emerita, VCU School of Social Work

To register for these workshops and to receive information on future workshops, sign up for the VCU School of Social Work Continuing Education listserv at

<http://www.socialwork.vcu.edu/education/listserv.html>. You will receive additional information.